REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 11 has been amended and new claim 22 has been added. Claims 1-11 and 16-22 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-11 AND 16-21 AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER OOKI (USP # 5,991,846) IN VIEW OF YACOUB (USP # 6,552,813)

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites "A computer network system in which plural connecting means capable of connecting and disconnecting a computer is provided in a network circuit to which a first computer has been connected, and a second computer is connected to one of said connecting means." For example, in the present invention, a portable computer such as the notebook size PC 4 is connected to one of the information consents 3a, 3b or 3c. Specification, page 25. The notebook size PC may be selectively moved between the different information consents, with each move requiring a change of network setting. Background of the Invention.

In contrast, Ooki does not teach a portable computer which is moved between different connections. Instead, Ooki teaches a printer selection 102, such as a host computer. Ooki, col. 2, ln. 58; FIG. 2. However, only a single computer is disclosed.

Claim 1 further recites "said first computer comprises resource information managing means for managing information relating to hardware or software, including a position in the real world for each of the hardware or software." The Examiner admits that Ooki does not teach processing of information including a position in the real world of each of the resources, but instead relies upon Yacoub as teaching this feature. However, Yacoub fundamentally differs from Ooki because in Yacoub, the user may be located in one of several locations with varying distances from the printers. Thus, printer location is a relevant variable in Yacoub. However, since Ooki teaches only a single computer 102, printer location is not a relevant variable in Ooki, since the user location does not vary with respect to the printers. Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to modify Ooki to use printer location as a selection variable, since the distance between the printers and the user does not vary.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.